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References identified with an asterisk (*) in the enclosed PTO Form 1449, were disclosed in prior Patent Application No. _____, filed _____, now U.S. Patent No. _____, and, as such, copies thereof are not included pursuant to the provisions of 37 CFR 1.98(d).

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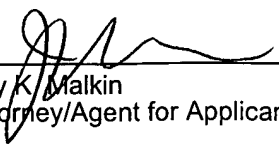
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FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENT

	DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	NAME	TRANSLATION YES NO	
	EP 0 146 303 B1	09/25/91	Tanaka et al.		
	DE 39 27 846	03/01/90	Kobayashi et al.		X
	DE 197 05 312	08/20/98	Spies		X
	DE 197 58 104	07/01/99	Germuth-Loffler et al.		X

OTHER REFERENCES (including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, etc.)

	German Office Action dated June 22, 2006 involving counterpart German application no. 10 2004 048237.3-52
	English Translation of German Office Action dated June 22, 2006 involving counterpart German application no. 10 2004 048237.3-52

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